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1. (Confidential - THW) LIAISON I dropped by the office of Marian Czarnecki, on the staff of the House International Relations Committee, and picked up three transcripts which he wanted to return to our custody.

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2. (Confidential - THW) INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING I dropped off with Rick Gilmore, on the staff of the Subcommittee on Multinational Corporations, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the paper on Soviet grain prepared by [REDACTED] OCI, as well as additions to Gilmore's list of people to visit on his upcoming trip to the Soviet Union and bio information thereon. I confirmed our briefing arrangements for Senator Dick Clark (D., Iowa) for 2:00 p.m., Friday, 14 November 1975.

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[REDACTED] has been advised.

3. (Unclassified - THW) ADMINISTRATIVE - DELIVERIES I delivered a package of materials to Fred Ruth, Legislative Assistant to Senator Dewey F. Bartlett (R., Okla.), for the Senator as requested by Mr. George Cary.

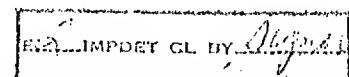
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4. (Unclassified - THW) LIAISON I dropped by the office of Ralph Preston, on the staff of the Subcommittee on Defense, House Appropriations Committee, and showed him a letter to Representative John J. McFall (D., Calif.) regarding a constituent's inquiry on [REDACTED] He said he had no problem with the letter.

Delivered to Frank Young, on the staff of Representative McFall, a letter to the Representative answering a constituent's inquiry regarding CIA relations with [REDACTED] Young said it was nice to know that constituent inquiries forwarded to CIA receive proper consideration. He said that when he was a summer intern at CIA he got the impression that constituent inquiries were not given much attention. I assured him that this was not the case and that we do all we can to look into the background of any inquiry and forward all information possible.

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Support of USDA and State Department
on Soviet Grain

1. Active CIA monitoring of the 1975 Soviet grain crop began a year ago when the winter grain areas were seeded. We have transmitted on a regular basis our assessments of the crop and the USSR's need for grain imports to USDA and State as well as to other interested recipients throughout the government. This has been done by estimating the Soviet crop and assessing import needs at several points in the crop year. We have published numerous articles in the various current intelligence publications. These articles have been passed to policy makers and interested analysts in USDA and State. We have answered specific requirements of USDA and State. In addition, we have been in contact with officials of both departments, often daily, on the subject of the Soviet grain crop prospects and buying activity.
2. During the negotiations for a long-term grain agreement our telephone contacts became even more frequent. We reported on significant developments in Soviet crop conditions and the impact of the poor harvest on the Soviet livestock program. During this period we also gave considerable emphasis to Soviet grain transactions with other countries, the availability of grain from non-US sources, and East European grain needs and import intentions.
3. We are continuing to provide oral and written support to State and USDA as well as other agencies on Soviet grain developments.